

Listing of the Claims

1. (Original) A siderail covering comprising a flexible body having a plurality of notches defined in the body, the flexible body being able to flex so as to alter the size of the notches.
2. (Original) The siderail covering of claim 1, further comprising a central siderail-receiving aperture adapted to receive a rail member therein.
3. (Original) The siderail covering of claim 2, further comprising a slot extending from an outer edge of the body to the central siderail-receiving aperture.
4. (Original) The siderail covering of claim 1, wherein the flexible body is made of foam.
5. (Original) The siderail covering of claim 1, further comprising a longitudinal axis, wherein the body flexes about an axis that deviates from being parallel with the longitudinal axis of the siderail covering.
6. (Original) The siderail covering of claim 1, defining a siderail channel therein adapted to receive a siderail therein.
7. (Original) The siderail covering of claim 6, wherein the siderail corridor extends within the flexible body and at least one of the plurality of notches.
8. (Original) The siderail covering of claim 1, wherein the plurality of notches include a first set of notches and a second set of notches.
9. (Original) The siderail covering of claim 8, wherein expansion of at least one of the notches in the first set of notches and contraction of at least one notch in the second set of notches is associated with a curvature of the siderail covering.
10. (Original) The siderail covering of claim 8, wherein the first set of notches is on a first side of the flexible body and the second set of notches is on a second side of the flexible body.
11. (Original) A siderail comprising:
a flexible body including a flexible material having a plurality of laterally extending apertures, and
a rail member positioned at least partially inside the flexible body.
12. (Original) The siderail of claim 11, wherein the rail member is an articulating rail member.
13. (Original) The siderail of claim 11, wherein the laterally extending apertures are triangular in cross section.

14. (Original) The siderail of claim 11, wherein the flexible body includes a central rail member aperture therein configured to receive a rail member therein.

15. (Original) The siderail of claim 14, wherein the rail member extends within the central rail member aperture and through at least one of the plurality of laterally extending apertures.

16. (Withdrawn) The siderail of claim 14, wherein the flexible body further includes an outer edge and a seam that extends between the outer edge and the central rail member aperture.

17. (Withdrawn) The siderail of claim 16, wherein the seam extends longitudinally along the flexible body.

18. (Original) The siderail of claim 11, wherein the flexible material is foam.

19. (Original) The siderail of claim 11, wherein the flexible body includes a plurality of repeating segments along a longitudinal axis of the body.

20. (Original) The siderail of claim 19, wherein each repeating segment is pivotable relative to adjacent repeating segments.

21. (Original) A siderail for use with a bed comprising:
a body comprising a flexible material having a plurality of adjustably sized notches therein, the body having a first longitudinal end, a second longitudinal end, and a body centerline extending within the body between the first longitudinal end and the second longitudinal end, the body having a first position in which the body centerline is straight, and the body having a second position in which the body centerline is curved.

22. (Original) The siderail of claim 21, wherein the first longitudinal end is located at a higher elevation than the second longitudinal end when in the second position.

23. (Original) The siderail of claim 21, wherein the body includes a plurality of repeating segments.

24. (Original) The siderail of claim 23, wherein each repeating segment has a longitudinal segment centerline.

25. (Original) The siderail of claim 24, wherein the body centerline is coextensive with the segment centerlines of the plurality of repeating segments.

26. (Original) The siderail of claim 23, wherein each repeating segment is pivotable relative to adjacent repeating segments.

27. (Original) A patient support comprising:
an articulating deck including a first deck section and a second deck section
able to be articulated relative to the first deck section;
a first siderail portion coupled to the first deck section;
a second siderail portion coupled to the second deck section; and
a siderail covering coupled to the first siderail portion and the second siderail
portion, the siderail covering comprising a body having a plurality of adjustably sized
apertures defined therein.

28. (Original) The patient support of claim 27, wherein articulation of the
deck causes adjustment of the adjustably sized apertures.

29. (Original) The patient support of claim 27, wherein the adjustably sized
apertures are triangular in cross section.

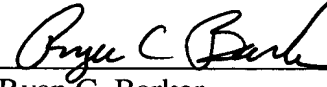
30. (Original) The patient support of claim 27, further comprising a rail
member, wherein the siderail covering includes central rail member aperture therein adapted
to receive the rail member therein.

Final Comments

In the event that an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is deemed necessary or appropriate for the timely filing of this Request, Applicants hereby petition for such extension of time and hereby authorize charging the large entity fee for such petition to Deposit Account No. 02-3223 with reference to Matter 8266-1126.

Respectfully submitted,

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